

REMARKS

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). The specification has been amended to recite to a cavity “23.” Figure 4 has been amended to include a lead line from the reference numeral 10. Claim 3 has been amended to recite that the at least one projection faces an internal surface of the rim. The third full paragraph on page 7 has also been amended to recite this. Support for this amendment is found in Figures 5 and 8. Formal drawings are enclosed.

The disclosure is objected to for several informalities. On page 3, the word “designs” has been amended to “design,” and the word “are” as been amended to “as.” On page 2, the term “equipp” has been amended to “equipped.” Support for this amendment is found in the translation of the PCT application originally filed with the application. The Examiner objected to reciting “┐” shaped in the specification as being adequately described by “J” shaped. However, these two shapes are different, and the “┐” shape recitation should not be removed because of inclusion of the “J” shape. For example, the “J” shape includes a curve at a bottom, whereas the “┐” shape does not. Applicant requests reconsideration of the objection.

Claim 1 and the first full paragraph on page 5 have been amended to recite that the first contact surface defines an outer circumference of the substantially circular wheel disc. Support for this amendment is found in Figures 5 and 8. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended to remove the language directed to “particularly.” Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to recite that the at least one projection is annular.

Claims 1 and 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baumgarten et al. (US 6068350). Baumgarten et al. does not disclose a wheel including a wheel disc having a projection with a first contact surface that cooperates with a wheel rim, and the first contact surface defines an outer circumference of the wheel disc. In Baumgarten et al., as shown in Figure 6, the wheel disc includes a projection 78. However, the projection 78 does not define an outer circumference of the wheel disc as claimed. Instead, the projection 78 is between the outer circumference and the inner circumference of the wheel disc. The claimed invention is not anticipated by Baumgarten et al.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baumgarten et al. Claim 2 is dependent upon patentable independent claim 1 and is allowable for the reasons set

forth above. Claim 2 is allowable as Baumgarten et al. does not disclose, suggest or teach a wheel including a wheel disc having a projection with a first contact surface that cooperates with a wheel rim, and the first contact surface defines an outer circumference of the wheel disc. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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